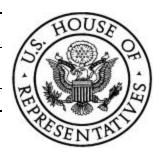
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Rep. Honda Statement on U.S. Senator Paul Wellstone

"I am deeply saddened by the tragic loss of Senator Paul Wellstone, his wife Sheila, his daughter Marcia, three staff members, and two pilots. A passionate Senate soul was lost not only by Minnesota, but by this country.

"Senator Wellstone championed issues directly affecting American families, such as the need to increase health care coverage and the minimum wage, and for the protection of seniors, veterans, and those most vulnerable in society.

"Senator Wellstone was a great example of what a public servant should be, and leaves a legacy of tenacity, conviction, and courage. My prayers are with the family and friends of those who lost someone in today's tragedy."